

BANKRUPTCY MEDIATION PROGRAM

PANEL OF MEDIATORS

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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ADR Style: "I try to be more collaborative and facilitative. I use caucus a great deal.
I will be more evaluative if the situation seems to merit."
Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Riverside Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Central District
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Riverside Division
2000-2001 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Riverside Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Riverside Division
1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Riverside Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Riverside Division (2-way tie)
1997-1998 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Riverside Division
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ADR Style: "I utilize a caucus type mediation. I believe the parties should reach their decisions and
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1996
ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA)
ADR Style: "As desired by parties. I believe it is necessary to caucus with each side and then
proceed as the parties desire."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Style: "All of the following may be used: caucus; directive/collaborative; evaluative/ facilitative."
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Mediation Training: Dispute Resolution Services, Basic Mediation Training, 30 hours
ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association; Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
California Dispute Resolution Council Former Board Member, CDRC
State Bar ADR Committee
Executive Committee of Los Angeles County Attorney Client Fee Dispute Program
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
ADR Style: "The purpose is to resolve this particular dispute, with consideration of future relations
(if any) between the parties. Heavy caucus, evaluative."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie)
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I attempt to involve the parties (and not their attorneys) as much as possible in the
process, explaining their position and their goals. I then attempt to garner the support
of the attorneys to work with their respective clients to achieve a workable resolution."
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Mediation Training: Strauss Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University of School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program."
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Occupation: Professional Mediator and Nurse
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M.S.W., University of California, Los Angeles, 1956
J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1970
Mediation Training: Mediation training yearly since 1977
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA) Annual Conference, Workshop on
Becoming a Mediator, 1995
Department of Justice, ADA Mediation, 1995
ADR Style: "I am not limited by a preference to any style, rather will use an approach that seems
necessary to assist the parties to move toward collaboration/cooperation."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "My preference is to start out with my evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of
each side in open session. I prefer caucuses to discuss strengths and weakness and to
develop the 'bottom line'."
Foreign Language(s): Hebrew, French, Spanish
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Occupation: Attorney
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
35 hours, 2001
ADR Style: "I believe that parties are almost always better off resolving their claims short of trial. I
will do whatever it takes to assist in this resolution. I believe caucus is beneficial in most
cases and some evaluation as well. Collaboration is always appropriate."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Memberships: Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
ADR Style: "I hope to facilitate a resolution without being evaluative, but am interested in crafting a
process that meets the needs of the parties."
Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Style: "My intention is to operate primarily within a facilitative form of mediation, although if the parties wish evaluation with regard to strengths or weaknesses of various portions of their case, I will not refuse to accede to that wish. My mediations will tend to be collaborative in nature and will utilize the caucus."
Mediation Award(s): 2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (7-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Northern Division (2-way tie)
1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Northern Division
1996-1997 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Mediation Training: Woody Mosten Advanced Mediation Training, 25 hours, 2000
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ADR Style: "I do not have one set style of mediation. I try to adapt my approach and the process to the situation. I gear what I do toward leveling the playing field, so that all parties have sufficient information and comfort to feel empowered to work toward a mutually satisfactory resolution."
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Mediation Training: Rosenberg Mediation, 40 hours, 2001
Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services, 3 hours, 2001
Southern California Mediation Association, 5.5 hours, 2002
Southern California Mediation Association, Specialized Mediation Training, 4 hours, 2003
International Academy of Mediators, Advanced Mediation Training, 11 hours, 2003
Pepperdine University School of Law, Advanced Mediation, 11 hours, 2003
Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association, Securities Arbitration Training, 14.5 hours, 2003
International Academy of Mediators and American College of Civil Trial Mediation, 7.5 hours, 2004
ADR Memberships: International Academy of Mediators, Advanced Mediation Training, 8 hours
International Academy of Mediators
Southern California Mediation Association
Association for Conflict Resolution – Los Angeles Chapter
ADR Style: "Generally a facilitative approach, with emphasis on confidential caucuses, active listening techniques, and moving beyond initial positioning. Parties and counsel are expected to participate actively in issue identification and resolution. Application of evaluative methods appropriate with respect to commercial and financial issues and details."
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J.D., Southwestern University School of Law, 1985
Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I believe parties to mediation need to be prepared to be active participants in the process, prepared to find a solution. The mediator is the means by which the settlement can be found, but the settlement is made by the parties. Whatever means will accomplish this goal can/should be used (i.e., caucus, facilitative, etc.)."
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Resolution & Resilience in New York, 20 hours, 2004
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 40 hours, 2004
Strategic Conflict Resolution in Health Care, 4 hours, 2004
Commercial Arbitrator Training, 32 hours, 2004

ADR Memberships: Dispute Resolution Services (DRS)
Los Angeles Superior Court Mediation Panel
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
American Arbitration Association (AAA)
Superior Court of Santa Barbara County; CADRe and Limited Mediation Panels
Equal Employment Opportunity Council Mediation Panel
State of California 2nd District Court of Appeals Mediation Panel
County of Los Angeles Consumer and Senior Services Mediation Panel
Hospital Association of California Mediation Panel
Arbitration Mediation Conciliation Centers Mediation Panel
California Dispute Resolution Council
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution
Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section
Santa Monica Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section
Beverly Hills Bar Association Executive Committee ADR Section
American Bar Association Dispute Resolution Section
International Academy of Mediators

ADR Style: "As a mediator who has successfully mediated over 900 cases and has trained hundreds of mediators, I've learned that really good mediators don't have just one style. Because every dispute has different dynamics, each one calls for different tools from the mediator. Some cases require me to be stern, experienced neutral, analyzing parties' legal standing and evaluating their outcome probabilities, risk tolerance, and economic options. Other cases require me to hear underlying issues and to manage participants' emotions, psychology and negotiation and communication dynamics. Sometimes, I have to do both. Knowing what is needed in each case, and having the ability to provide whatever it takes, is what I bring to the table as a mediator."

Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

**Literally have thousands of hours of training that are too numerous to name.

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "The approach depends on the issues, personalities, conflicts and motivations involved.
Separate caucuses will usually be helpful. Because the parties have lawyers, mediation
will tend toward an MSC/VSC model. My role is to (a) encourage the parties to
identify/express their true goals and to see the risk/reward/cost of further litigation, and
(b) bring to bear the experience, knowledge and creativity of everyone in the process."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Style: "Collaborative and directive but not overly so."
Foreign Language(s): Italian
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J.D., Santa Barbara College of Law, 1989

Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995

ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA)
Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS)
National Mediation Board (Airline and Railroad Industry)
National Arbitration Forum
Civil Service Commissions for the City and County of Los Angeles
Civil Service Commissions for the City and County of San Francisco
County of San Bernardino
United Transportation Union (UTU)
Kaiser Permanente
Los Angeles MTA
Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU)
New York Stock Exchange
Pacific Stock Exchange
National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD)
Chicago Board of Trade
California State Mediation and Conciliation Service

ADR Style: "My role in the mediation process is simply to facilitate negotiation. Although I prefer a caucus type approach which is collaborative rather than evaluative, I stand ready to adapt a different posture should the particular needs of the parties so dictate."

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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Coast to Coast Divorce Mediation Training, 40 hours, 2001

ADR Style: "My role as the mediator is to facilitate negotiation, identification of issues and goals, and explore options in an effort to assist the parties to reach a resolution. I incorporate global participation and caucuses as appropriate in each case."

Authorized Counties: Orange

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J.D., George Washington University, 1984
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30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I attempt to make use of all of the mediation techniques I have been taught in
appropriate situations. When I believe that it will be beneficial, I caucus with attorneys
and individuals. However, I try to maximize global participation. I try to stress that the
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Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I generally employ a caucus and seek to obtain a resolution through collaborative
techniques, with a goal to obtaining a constructive resolution among the participants."
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ADR Style: "I attempt to select the approach best suited to resolve the particular dispute, based
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Foreign Language(s): German, Polish
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ADR Style: "I use a caucus and prefer to collaborate."
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30 hours, 1995
ADR Memberships: Arbitrator, Los Angeles County Bar Association
ADR Style: "I believe caucusing can be helpful, and like to facilitate resolutions between the parties
directly."
Foreign Language(s): French
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J.D., George Washington University National Law Center, 1987
Mediation Training: Los Angeles County Bar Association Dispute Resolution Services (DRS), 1995
ADR Memberships: Los Angeles County Bar Association, ADR Section
ADR Style: "My preferred approach is collaborative and facilitative. This process requires
commitment on the part of the attorneys and their clients, as well as the use of creativity,
flexibility and evaluation skills."
Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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ADR Style: "I am a certified specialist in personal and small business bankruptcy law with the State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. I am also board certified in business bankruptcy law with the American Bankruptcy Board of Certification. As such, I prefer an evaluative approach to the resolution of bankruptcy proceedings (which assists the parties in understanding the merits or demerits of their respective legal positions). I also rely heavily on caucus (individual meetings of the parties and their counsel) as a means of reaching settlement and establishing rapport with the mediator."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division (3-way tie)
Authorized Counties: Los Angeles

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I have had 100% success using a caucus type program, which is collaborative rather than evaluative."
Authorized Counties: Los Angeles

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995
Program on Negotiation, Harvard University, 10 hours, 1995
ADR Membership: American Arbitration Association
ADR Style: "Caucus/facilitative."
Foreign Language(s): Spanish
Authorized Counties: Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino

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Mediation Training: University of California, Los Angeles, Extension Mediation Training Program
instructed by John P. Biancardi, 1999
ADR Memberships: Dispute Resolution Services
ADR Style: "Although I generally utilize caucuses as part of an over-all collaborative/ facilitative
approach, in my view the keynotes for successful mediation are flexibility of approach
and investment of sufficient time for the process to work."
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ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association, American Arbitration Association
ADR Style: "As used in the Riverside Court and taught in the UCR Certificate Program, our approach
is to evaluate each position, then facilitate the parties to reach an agreement. At times,
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Office of the City Attorney, Los Angeles, 40 hours, 1990
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Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
Beverly Hills Bar Association, ADR Section
ADR Style: "I customize my approach to clients/parties in mediation based on the particular issues
and people present. I prefer a collaborative process, use caucuses as needed."
Mediation Award(s): 1997-1998 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (2-way tie)
1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Style: "I will tailor the approach to the nature of the dispute and the needs of the parties."
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30 hours, 1995
Orange County Bankruptcy Forum Program re: Effective Mediation, 3 hours, 1996
State Bar of California, Business Litigation Section, Mediation Techniques and Issues,
1996
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Contract Arbitration, 1998
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
Advanced Mediation Training, 1998
ADR Style: "It depends on the case, the issues and the parties. I am familiar with the various
mediation techniques and find that I use some blend of one or more methods. Generally,
if the disputing parties are going to have ongoing contact or relations, I will try to
encourage face-to-face mediation. If the parties will have no further contact post-dispute
resolution, I will generally start with separate caucus and will use shuttle diplomacy."
Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "Caucus type of mediation process preferred."
Mediation Award(s): 2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Ventura Center for Dispute Settlement, 32 hours
Academy of Family Mediation, 60 hours
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
Academy of Family Mediation
California Association of Family Therapists
Industrial Relations Research Association
Ventura County Bar Association
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ADR Style: "To facilitate the exchange of information between the parties and to motivate them to
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Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties
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ADR Style: "I believe in using the following techniques in the appropriate situations: caucus/no
caucus; directive/collaborative; evaluative/facilitative; etc. The key to being a mediator
is being flexible, assessing the parties' fears, reluctance, anger and using the
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Mediation Award(s): 1997-1998 Shortest Mediation Conference (2-way tie)
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Office of City Attorney training as arbitrator-conciliator and mediator, 20 hours, 1994
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
ADR Style: "Where ongoing and harmonious business relationships are broken because of
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ADR Style: "Varies case by case. Unless the situation dictates otherwise, I prefer a caucus type of
program which will usually start midway between evaluative and facilitative; I allow the
program to drift in the direction (evaluative or facilitative) that appears appropriate under
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Judge Pro Tem, Los Angeles Municipal Court
ADR Style: "My mediation process varies depending upon the case and the individuals. I tend
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties
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Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District (3-way tie)
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Riverside Division (3-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Santa Ana Division
1998-1999 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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ADR Style: "Use a caucus approach after presentation and minimal discussion regarding status of
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1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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ADR Style: "Choosing the collaborative, facilitative method of mediation, which includes the caucus
process, affords the parties a unique opportunity to solve problems in a cooperative
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would likely have in court."
Mediation Award(s): 1997-1998 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Mediation Training: AAA Mediation Advocacy Seminar, 1992
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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AAA Advanced Commercial Arbitration Training, 1999
Los Angeles Superior Court Arbitration Workshop, 1999
Los Angeles Superior Court Cross Cultural Dispute Resolution, 2000
Los Angeles Superior Court Mediation Training Program, 2001
Pepperdine University Advanced Mediation Training Seminar, 2002
ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA), Commercial Arbitration and Mediation Panels,
1971 to present
ADR Style: "Varies, based upon the particular needs of the parties. Preference for facilitative caucus
process designed to build a consensus for settlement. If parties desire, a directive
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ADR Style: "I prefer to first meet with all parties and then to caucus separately with each party. Collaborative mediation is preferred; however, if a party is way off base I will inject some evaluation. Parties need to understand and commit to a non-litigated resolution of their differences, which may take substantial discussion and compromise."
Mediation Award(s): 2001-2002 Matter Involving Largest Amount of Money Which Settled (3-way tie)
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ADR Style: "My role is to facilitate the successful outcome of the parties' commitment to resolving their dispute. I use a collaborative approach with caucus if the parties agree to the use of a caucus."
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CMI Concord Group, Conflict Resolution Skills Training, 16 hours, 2001
ADR Memberships: Association for Conflict Resolution
ADR Style: "I tailor my approach to the needs of the parties. Although my mediation style generally
can be characterized as collaborative/facilitative, I am not adverse to using a more
directive and/or evaluative approach when circumstances warrant."
Mediation Award(s): 2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (7-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Northern Division (2-way tie)
1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Los Angeles County Bar Association, 40 hours
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ADR Membership: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus-included approach with a focus on collaboration. I tend to try to guide
by asking questions to encourage people to resolve their disputes outside of the litigated
arena. I will take as much time as the participants need to resolve the dispute as long
as there is an intent to resolve."
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 Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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 ADR Memberships: Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
 ADR Style: "Caucus/collaborative preferred. Inevitably the nature of bankruptcy disputes pushes into
 the evaluative mode in part."
 Mediation Award(s): 2000-2001 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled
 1998-1999 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled
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 30 hours, 1995
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 35 hours, 2003-2004
 ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA)
 ADR Style: "While new to mediation, per my experience with people in controversy and my reaction
 to the mediation training I've received, assuming the parties' commitment to the process,
 I prefer, but am not wedded to, facilitating their path to a collaborative solution through
 face to face contact, or caucus, when needed. If a joint resolution of the problem needs
 a push, I will be directive in a balanced and hopefully, subtle way."
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National Panel of Arbitrators
ADR Style: "Evaluative at first with a caucus approach. Then, I believe facilitative resolution of the
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ADR Style: "Evaluative/facilitative."
Mediation Award(s): 1996-1997 Matter Involving the Largest Amount of Money Which Settled
Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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ADR Style: "I do not have a fixed approach to mediation. Some cases need a heavy dose of
caucusing, while others lend themselves to a collaborative approach. In some cases, the
parties will not settle until they receive an evaluative assessment of their claims."
Mediation Award(s): 1996-1997 Longest Mediation Conference
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of process, with the parties coming together to discuss the various
proposals on the table and then separately meeting with me when it appears appropriate.
My approach is collaborative and is designed to help facilitate the settlement discussions
between the parties rather than impose my idea of what that settlement should be."
Mediation Award(s): 1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations (6-way tie)
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30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I use caucuses and a collaborative approach. I do not provide evaluations except when
it appears helpful to do so."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District (3-way tie)
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division (3-way tie)
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Style: "I use caucus/no caucus, directive/collaborative, evaluative/facilitative depending on the
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 ADR Style: "I find my best success is in relaxed discussion of causes, differences and numerous alternatives. Keep talking, discussing, exploring. Help clients find their own solutions."
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 ADR Memberships: Past President of Bankruptcy Forum
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 ADR Style: "I tend to use a caucus type of program wherein the parties to the dispute get to give their version, in addition to the version by the attorneys. This method gives the parties a sense of input toward their settlement."
 Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division
 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
 2001-2002 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Central District
 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles Division
 1999-2000 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Central District
 1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District
 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division
 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Central District
 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles Division
 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Northern Division
 1997-1998 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
 1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Los Angeles Division (4-way tie)
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Mediation Award(s): 2000-2001 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District
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Mediation Training: Victim-Offender Reconciliation Program Training, under State of California, Department of Consumer Affairs Guidelines, 1990, 24 hours
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University College of Law, Mediation, 1992, 6 hours
Mediation: It's Time YOU Knew, Anaheim, CA, 1994, 6 hours
Observation of Court-Connected Mediation, 1994, 3 hours
Continuing Education in Real Estate, California Community Colleges
Chancellor's Office Real Estate Education 1995, 45 CE hours
Managing a Workforce in 1995, presented by California Labor Law Letter, 6 hours
Legal Update, National Human Resources Association, Irvine, 1996, 6 hours
Victim-Offender Mediation Association, University of Winnipeg, Canada and University of California, Irvine, 46 hours
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
Victim-Offender Mediation Association
California Dispute Resolution Council
National Human Resources Association
The Gerontology Society of America
ADR Style: "Approach depends on the parties and situation. Generally prefer to caucus, collaborate and facilitate to resolution. Some other approaches include negotiating agreement on commitment, interests, and fair procedures; focusing on issues by requesting parties to research for objective criteria; and brainstorming for additional options."
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Mediation Award(s): 1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)
1997-1996 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled (2-way tie)
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30 hours, 1995
Association of Attorney Mediators, 16 hours
ADR Memberships: Association of Attorney Mediators (AAA)
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
ADR Style: "Caucus and Directive/Collaborative."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District (3-way tie)
1998-1999 Mediation Conference with the Most Parties
1996-1997 Longest Mediation Conference Which Settled
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Central District
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
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resolution of their differences."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University of School of Law,
40 hours, 1998
Community Mediation Program, supervised mediations, certificate pending, Jeanie
Class and Judith Rubenstein, J.D., 40 hours
Attorney-Mediators Institute, Dallas, Texas, basic training course, Attorneys only,
Donald Hawbaker, J.D., 40 hours, 1997
Conflict Management Institute, Santa Barbara, basic training course, Judith
Rubenstein, J.D., 30 hours, 1997
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association
ADR Style: "While I prefer a facilitative, collaborative approach to mediation, I am comfortable being
more directive, if necessary. I prefer to keep the parties together as long as discussions
are productive and use private caucuses where necessary to facilitate the negotiation
process. My goal is to provide the parties with the best opportunity to reach a negotiated
agreement, and my approach varies depending on the needs of the parties and the goals
of the mediation."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
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J.D., University of California, Los Angeles, 1966

Mediation Training: Joel Edelman, 16 hours, 1987
San Diego Dispute Resolution Center, 25 hours, 1995
Continuing Education - Bankruptcy Law and Practice

ADR Memberships: Academy of Family Mediators
Beverly Hills Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section
California State Bar, Family ADR Committee South

ADR Style: "Preference for parties in same room and caucus when needed. Collaborative, but will take active role in suggesting creative options for solutions. Philosophy: getting past positions to parties' basic interests and concerns; then creating options that satisfy concerns of all parties."

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 42 hours
Pepperdine-Straus, Advanced USDC Mediation Training, 2003
Pepperdine-Straus, Advanced USDC Mediation Training, 2004
National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD)
Arbitrator Panel Training, 16 hours
Chairperson Training

ADR Memberships: National Association of Securities Dealers
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)

ADR Style: "My approach to mediation is flexible. I believe more tools allows for greater creativity and resolution of a broader variety of disputes. I employ either an evaluative or facilitative approach, or a combination thereof, depending upon a variety of factors, not the least of which is the disposition and strategies of the parties and their counsel. I use both directive and collaborative approaches, or a combination thereof, within a particular mediation."

Mediation Award(s): 2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division (7-way tie)

Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I take the evaluative/facilitative approach to mediation, because it takes the parties'
position into account and, then focuses on the parties' realistic offers to attain a non-
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Mediation Training: U.S. Department of Justice, Key Bridge Foundation Training for Professional
Mediators for Americans with Disabilities Act Complaints, 7.5 hours, 1995
JAMS/Endispute Advanced Mediation Training, 16 hours, 1994
American Arbitration Association Mediation Training, 17.5 hours, 1993
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
Advanced Negotiation Training, 6.5 hours, 1993
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
Mediation and Effective Negotiation Skills, 16 hours, 1992
The Mediation Center, Orange County, Mediation Training, 23 hours, 1992
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Services, 30 hours, 1992
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolutions, Annual Conference Seminar, 14 hours,
1992
Southern California Mediation Association, 10 hours, 1992-94
American Arbitration Association, Advanced Arbitration, 6.5 hours, 1992
American Arbitration Association, Chairing the Hearing, 3 hours, 1992
American Arbitration Association, International Symposium on Dispute Resolution, 9.5
hours, 1992
Orange County Superior Court Judge Pro Tem and Civil Arbitration, 3 hours, 1992
Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge Pro Tem Training, 3 hours, 1992
American Arbitration Association, Commercial and Construction Arbitration Training,
6 hours, 1992
ADR Memberships: Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolutions (SPIDR)
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
Los Angeles County Bar Association, ADR Section
ADR Style: "Combination of facilitative and evaluative (evaluative if necessary to break impasse); I
use caucusing frequently; I am very organized - most of my caseload consists of complex
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30 hours, 1995
The Mediation Center, Basic Mediation Training, 25 hours, 1993
Victim Offender Reconciliation Program, 1993
ADR Style: "I prefer to help the parties find out what they really want to read between the lines and
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Los Angeles County Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Services, "Civil and
Workplace Mediation", 16 hours, 1996
Mediation and Effectiveness Training Institute, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern
District of New York, "Mediation Skills Training Course," 26 hours, 1996
ADR Memberships: Certified Mediator, United States Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York
Mediator/Arbitrator, Los Angeles Superior Court
National Panel of Consumer Arbitrators (Better Business Bureau)
California State Panel of Consumer Arbitrators (Better Business Bureau)
Arbitrator, National Association of Securities Dealers (NASD)
Arbitrator, Pacific Stock Exchange
Arbitrator, State Bar of California
ADR Style: "I strongly favor the use of the caucus in mediation and prefer a collaborative approach
to settling disputes. I view my role as that of a facilitator for the parties. That being said,
I would certainly provide an evaluation of a given case provided it was within my area of
expertise and provided it was necessary to break a deadlock in settlement negotiations.
Likewise, where the parties are having difficulties working out their own settlement, I
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Language(s): Spanish
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ADR Style: "I use a caucus approach that allows for both disputants to participate rather than an evaluative means. This allow parties to present their side of the story in a caucus session to gain a better understanding of each other strength and weakness of the case."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I generally use a caucus type of program which is integrative in nature. This means I try to go beyond simply splitting the pie to focusing on interests, not just positions, and expanding the pie to divide."
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Mediation Training: Claremont Dispute Resolution Center, 1990
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Services (DRS)
County of Los Angeles Dispute Settlement Service (DSS), Community Mediation Program
Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, Dispute Resolution Program, 1990
University of California, Los Angeles Ombudsman's Office Campus Mediation Service, 1989
Center for Dispute Resolution, 25 hours, 1989-90
ADR Memberships: Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA), charter member
American Bar Association, Litigation Section, Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, Newsletter Editor, 1993
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, Executive Committee, 1993-1996; Program Committee Co-Chair, 1993-94, Courts Committee Co-Chair, 1995
Los Angeles County Bar Association, Chair, Client-Attorney Mediation Program Committee, 1995-96
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA), Director, 1995-97, Chair, Conference & Courts Committee, 1995-97
ADR Style: "Collaborative and facilitative, with evaluative approaches utilized as necessary. Usually will caucus."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 42 hours, 2000
ADR Membership: Panel Mediator, Los Angeles Superior Court
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Orange County Bankruptcy Forum, 3 hours, 1996
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ADR Style: "My approach is to resolve the dispute as efficiently as possible. The process I use
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ADR Style: "The Mediation Process should be tailored to the matters at issue, the parties and the
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "Whatever it takes to convince litigants not to be stupid."
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Mediation Training: Basic Mediation Training Program, Dispute Resolution Services Program of the
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Civil and Workplace Mediation Training program, Dispute Resolution Services
Program of the Los Angeles County Bar Association, 16 hours, 1988
ADR Style: "Combination facilitative and evaluative. The case law and the facts count, and should
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Attorneys and clients who work with me generally find that I am helpful in identifying the
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Bankruptcy Bench, Central District of California (retired U.S. Bankruptcy Judge),
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ADR Style: "Although I have used the caucus/no caucus, directive/collaborative,
evaluative/facilitative processes, I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative
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Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Training Course in mediation and alternative dispute resolution, 40 hours, 2000
State Bar of California, 9 hours, 1999
ADR Memberships: Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Service, JAMS
Southern California Mediation Association
ACR International (Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution)
ADR Style: "My mediation style is transformational with the focus on reducing conflict and repairing relationships. My style is flexible and adaptive as the individual situations require, and I can perform evaluative mediation techniques."
Foreign Language(s): French, Spanish
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ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA)
ADR Style: "My mediation style tends to be fluid and varies on a case-to-case basis depending upon what approaches I feel may best accomplish the ultimate objective of the parties reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution of the dispute."
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus approach which is collaborative rather than evaluative. If there is an issue (or issues) blocking resolution I will use a facilitative approach. On a very limited basis (as a last resort) I will use an evaluative approach."
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Mediation Training: Dispute Resolution Center of Ventura, 32 hours, 1994
Ventura Center for Dispute Settlement, 1993
ADR Memberships: Society for Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
Academy of Family Mediators
ADR Style: "A collaborative approach with liberal use of caucusing while de-emphasizing litigiousness."
Foreign Language(s): Spanish, Portuguese
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30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I prefer the utilization of all tools available to the mediator, whereby the parties and the circumstances may dictate the best approach to cause a settlement of their dispute(s). If the parties are committed to an open mind towards settlement, I believe the role of the mediator is to act as a catalyst, whether facilitative or evaluative in nature, in assisting the parties to come to an agreeable resolution."
Mediation Award(s): 2000-2001 Matter Involving the Largest Sum of Money Which Settled (2-way tie)
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ADR Style: "Obtaining an early commitment from the participants to the forward-looking concept of mediation and moving the resolution process in a positive direction by facilitating negotiation by means of alternating private caucusing."
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ADR Style: "My approach to mediation is flexible depending on the needs and sophistication of the parties. However, all things being equal, I prefer a more collaborative and facilitative, as opposed to evaluative, approach in order to allow the parties a greater opportunity to discuss the dispute and reach a more comprehensive resolution."
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program which, based on my own experience, is more effective. I believe that the parties will be more receptive to this method of mediation, but recognize that it is dependent upon their commitment."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles (3-way tie)
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ADR Memberships: Riverside County Bar Association ADR Program
United States District Court ADR Program
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California Mediation Program
ADR Style: "Caucus, etc., coupled with a collaborative approach over an extended period to all
avenues can be expected."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, United States Bankruptcy Court
for the Central District of California, Riverside Division (2-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, United States
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ADR Style: "I would suggest a caucus structure which is collaborative but believe that the structure
may have to be different depending on the nature of the dispute and the relationship of
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ADR Style: "Having been recognized by the Bankruptcy Court for settling the most cases in the
Santa Ana District in 1998-1999, and having settled the most cases in the Central District
for 2001-2001, I have found that an open-minded and flexible approach based on
impressions formed at an initial meeting with all parties present, has been the most
effective avenue for arriving at a consensus."
Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Santa Ana Division (3-way tie)
2001-2002 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Santa Ana Division
2000-2001 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled
Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Central District
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
Santa Ana Division
1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division (2-way tie)
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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ADR Style: "I tailor my approach to the needs of the parties. Although my mediation style generally can be categorized as collaborative/facilitative, I am not adverse to using a more directive and/or evaluative approach when circumstances warrant.
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties in this process need to understand and commit to the non-litigated resolution of their differences which may take substantial discussion."
Mediation Award(s): 2002-2003 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division (2-way tie)
2000-2001 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division
1999-2000 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law, 1996
ADR Style: "I generally favor a caucus style of mediation which is facilitative rather than strictly evaluative. I would prefer to assist the parties in their efforts to find workable solutions to their problems instead of "directing" their negotiations. This can be time-consuming, but ultimately results in a more satisfying resolution (in my opinion)."
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ADR Memberships: Beverly Hills Bar Association ADR Section
ADR Style: "I prefer caucus/collaborative/facilitative methodology where parties come to understand the positions of each other in an attempt to reach a resolution, and I am comfortable with more of an evaluative/directive approach as well."
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Advanced Mediation Seminar, 3 days, 1997
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "Depending on the parties and the nature of their dispute, I utilize caucusing, evaluative
and facilitative processes for conducting a mediation. Some approaches work better than
others depending upon the parties, their personalities, their sophistication and the
complexity of the disagreements."
Mediation Award(s): 1996-1997 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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how they play a major part in the process. I use a caucus program and facilitate the
parties effort to arrive at a solution. However, the process may vary depending on the
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Mediation Litigation, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine
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American Association of Attorney-Mediators, 30 hours
ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA)
Association of Attorney-Mediators (charter member and secretary of Southern
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Panel member, Arbitration/mediation - Duke University Private Adjudication Center
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ADR Style: "My training and experience in mediating and settling cases has encompassed a wide
range of styles and techniques. I provide the technique either requested or needed by
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collaborative or evaluative, depends on the problem at hand and the willingness of the
parties to commit to a non-litigated resolution. I prefer to keep my approach flexible and
adjust how I handle the mediation based upon the needs of the parties."
Mediation Award(s): 1998-1999 Matter Involving the Largest Sum of Money
1997-1998 Matter Involving the Largest Sum of Money
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Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
1996-1997 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Santa Ana Division
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Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution Advanced Mediation of the Pepperdine
University School of Law, 13 hours, 2004
ADR Memberships: American Arbitration Association (AAA)
ADR Style: "Directive/Collaborative/Aggressive Mediation."
Mediation Award(s): 1999-2000 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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 Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
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 ADR Style: "I meet with parties in a joint session first to establish a commitment to collaborative
 process and then meet privately with parties in caucuses. My style is facilitative, though
 when necessary I will evaluate aspects of the case if the parties are seeking direction."
 Mediation Award(s): 1998-1999 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Northern Division
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University of California, Riverside, Mediation I, 30 hours, 1998
ADR Style: "My approach to mediation involves facilitative, collaborative and caucus. Where one party is in pro per I find that a caucus helps them feel less intimidated which promotes a better atmosphere for settlement."
Mediation Award(s): 2001-2002 Shortest Mediation Conference Which Settled
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Mediation Training: Los Angeles County Bar Association, Dispute Resolution Services, 30 hours
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ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association - former member
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Mediation Award: 1999-2000 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Ethics Counseling and Negotiation, Loyola Law School, 1990
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UCLA Ombuds Externship, Geoffrey Wallace Ph.D., 240 hours
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ADR Memberships: Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution
ADR Style: "I use all of the above but prefer the latter in each case. I adapt to the individual circumstances. I make sure no one is ever made worse off. I create new solutions and expand the pie, improving communication and relationships, helping opposing parties understand the reality of the situation, and helping parties to be more persuasive while reducing tension and non-productive behavior."
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ADR Style: "I prefer to use an approach to assist the parties to move toward a satisfactory resolution of the matters at hand in a facilitative manner. This includes the use of caucus with each side."
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties in this process need to understand and commit to the non-litigated resolution of their differences, which may take substantial discussion."
Mediation Award(s): 1998-1999 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie)
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Authorized Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Barbara, Ventura

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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
42 hours, 2003
ADR Style: "I prefer a facilitative approach to mediation, where I can help the parties reach a
resolution in their case, given that at times one might have to be also evaluative in order
to provide a reality check to the parties. I also like to break into caucus after giving the
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J.D., University of La Verne, 1994
Mediation Training: Center for Dispute Resolution, Santa Monica, CA
Ken Cloke L.A. County Bar/Dispute Resolution Services, 30 hours, 2002
ADR Style: "I will allow the parties to make an opening statement together and then caucus. I will
help them to see the weaknesses of their positions and try to encourage them to think
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30 hours, 1995
ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program which is collaborative rather than evaluative. Parties
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Mediation Training: Los Angeles County Bar Association (Dispute Resolution Services), 30 hours, 1994
JAMS/Endispute, Advanced mediation training, 2 days, 1994
Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
30 hours, 1994
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
ADR Style: "I prefer a flexible approach based upon the dynamics of the issues and parties, but
using caucusing — and always aiming at facilitating resolution of the differences.
Evaluative, if desired by the parties."
Mediation Award(s): 1998-1999 Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
San Fernando Valley Division (4-way tie)
1997-1998 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, Los Angeles Division
1996-1997 Most Frequently Chosen Mediator, San Fernando Valley Division
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations, Central District
Mediator Who Settled the Most Number of Mediations,
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Dispute Resolution Services, Advanced Training, 12 hours, 1994
JAMS/Endispute, 16 hours, 1994
Mediation Advocacy Program by NASD, 6 hours, 1995
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
American Arbitration Association (AAA)
Los Angeles County and Beverly Hills Bar Associations - ADR Sections
ADR Style: "I use the caucus in an effort to develop trust and learn the strengths and weaknesses of the parties' positions and what their common interests may be. My style is facilitative and collaborative. While I do not suggest or propose specific settlement terms, I will ask, 'If 'such and such' were to occur, how would you respond?'"
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Memberships: Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
Dispute Resolution Services (Los Angeles County Bar Association)
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ADR Style: "Flexible, open-minded, practical."
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42 hours, 2004
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 120 hours, 2004
Los Angeles County Bar Association/DRS, Cross Cultural Mediation, 30 hours, 2003
Los Angeles County Bar Association/DRS, Business Commercial Mediation, 15 hours,
2003
Los Angeles County Bar Association/DRS, Basic Mediation, 30 hours, 2002
Los Angeles County Bar Association/DRS, Advanced Mediation, 15 hours, 2002
ADR Memberships: California Academy of Mediation Professionals
Society of Professionals In Dispute Resolution
Association for Conflict Resolution
Southern California Mediation Association
Los Angeles Superior Court - Courts Committee
Los Angeles Superior Court ADR Panel Member
The Mediation Resource Group
American Bar Association - Section of Dispute Resolution
California Dispute Resolution Council
ADR Style: "I bring to the mediation table the ability to provide the appropriate style (facilitative,
collaborative, directive, evaluative, caucus, etc.) as indicated by the nature of the dispute.
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Advanced Mediator's Forum Pepperdine/JAMS-Endispute, 1997
ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association (SCMA)
Society of Professionals in Dispute Resolution (SPIDR)
ADR Style: "I prefer an initial joint meeting with separate caucus approach thereafter. I prefer to stay
away from expressing evaluations of a matter but do not mind asking hard questions as
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ADR Memberships: Southern California Mediation Association
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ADR Style: "I generally have a joint discussion and then break into caucus. I utilize a collaborative approach. I hope to impress upon the parties that litigation is counter-productive."
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Dispute Resolution Service of CSP, Community Service Program, 25 hours
ADR Memberships: CSP/DRS, 1994 to present.
ADR Style: "Caucus if applicable; utilize various methods, depending upon the emotional states of the disputants, whether attorneys are involved and the nature of the dispute(s). I tend to be directive, but tailor the approach to nature of the dispute and the parties' needs."
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University School of Law,
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ADR Style: "I prefer a facilitative process which hopefully brings the parties to a realistic evaluation of their positions with an emphasis on settlement. I do prefer to use the caucus method to facilitate cooperation."
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ADR Style: "My focus is on all party discussions, with individual caucus sessions being a rare
exception. My preference is consensus building, but in certain cases, I will utilize an
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Mediation Training: Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution of the Pepperdine University, School of Law,
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ADR Style: "Generally evaluative, but the choice of styles between directive or collaborative, and use of caucuses depends on the issues to be resolved, the sophistication of the parties, and the availability of counsel for the parties. Prefer only cases where parties voluntarily consent to mediation."
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ADR Style: "I prefer a caucus type of program, where the clients provide the majority of the input. It is their mediation. The higher their level of participation, the greater the possibility of success."
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ADR Style: "I try to use a balanced approach involving all available methods including caucusing
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ADR Style: "I consider that my role as mediator is to facilitate a negotiated resolution among the
parties. To reach this end, I favor using private caucuses. I am flexible and will provide
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Mediation Training: LA City Attorney Dispute Resolution Program, 140 hours
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Centinela Valley Juvenile Diversion Project, 40 hours
United States Postal Dispute Resolution, 32 hours
ADR Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute
American Bar Association
Association of Conflict Resolution
San Pedro Toastmasters Club
National Contract Management Association
ADR Style: "The caucus approach is preferred, which encourages collaboration. Said approach with
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Mediation Training: Center for Mediation In Law, Intensive Mediation Training Program, 2002
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ADR Memberships: Los Angeles County Bar Association/Dispute Resolution Services, Inc., 30 hours, 2001
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ADR Style: "My approach to mediation is flexible, in part determined by the needs and interests of counsel and parties. I am almost never directive; generally caucus, prefer collaboration and will engage in an evaluative process if counsel and parties desire."
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Mediation Training: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, ADR Training Course, November 1994
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, ADR Instructor Course, January 1995
Co-taught Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ADR training course, March 1995
ADR Style: "I prefer a collaborative/facilitative approach where the parties are assisted in defining and articulating their needs and interests — where the parties recognize that rights and positions are not paramount in reaching a negotiated settlement."
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ADR Style: "I employ a collaborative and facilitative approach which includes caucusing and can include a more evaluative approach when appropriate. Generally, my approach requires commitment to the process with a minimum of posturing."
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Authorized Counties: Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino

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